

Second Helpings

Second Avenue United Methodist Church ~ February 2018

Special Events in February

February 03—UMW Retreat at Farmville
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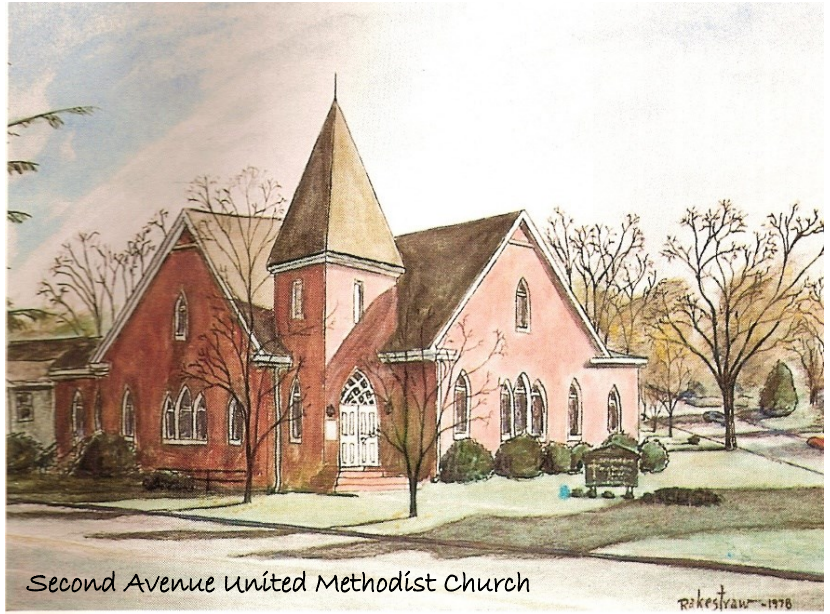
February 03—Roller Skating Event

February 04—Souper Bowl of Caring

February 06—Meals & More

February 14—Ash Wednesday Service

February 26—District Clergy Meeting at
Second Avenue



Our Mission: 'Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World'

Our Vision: 'Knowing Christ & Making Christ Known'

Lent: Preparing for New Life

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. Because Sundays are always little Easters, the penitential spirit of Lent is tempered on that day with joyful expectation of the Resurrection.

Lent is a time for spiritual preparation. As we remember Jesus' journey to the cross, we are called to walk with Him and to examine ourselves and our practices of living the way of Christ. Prayer, fasting, and acts of mercy have long been understood as essential to this season of study, introspection, and repentance. Prayer and fasting help us to open our hearts and minds to more fully comprehend the way of Jesus' self-surrender. Embodying that understanding in acts of compassion toward others mirrors God's will for the world as our very lives take on the cruciform shape of Christ. The color purple used in this season for paraments, stoles, and banners in the sanctuary symbolizes both our penitence and Christ's passion.

Before we can rise with Christ, we seek to die to self, and by faithful imitation of the way of Christ, we hope to bear fruit for His eternal kingdom of life.

*Adapted from the United Methodist book of Worship,
published by the United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee, 1992.*

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



As I was making a New Year's resolution for 2018, I asked two questions in my journal: What does vitality look like for me? What does vitality look like for our church? For me, a healthy person exudes vitality. A healthy person has mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual health, free of disease with managed stress, positive outlook on life and faith in a form of faithfulness to God and humanity. Freedom, security/safety, life's basic necessities (food, shelter, clothing, etc.), love, and discipline are part of the prerequisites.

Howard Thurman once defined freedom as an ability to set goals, have purpose in life, make plans, and achieve them in life. It is hard to be healthy in an environment when one is discriminated against or devalued somehow. A healthy person for me is also a simple person or a person of a simple life with self-discipline, someone who knows what is essential or what he or she needs in life. It is very difficult to develop self-discipline if one needs a lot of stuff just to function or if one is cluttered or bombarded with thoughts, activities, material things, etc.

A healthy community is a place where each individual is valued as who he or she is and each individual contributes to the betterment of the community. A healthy church is a healthy body of Christ where each member is valued as who he or she is and each contributes for the body of Christ and Kingdom of God. It seeks to promote individuals' whole health (physical, mental, emotional, social, environmental, economic, intellectual, spiritual, etc. well-being) and addresses and resolves issues that threaten its whole health such as crime, all evil -isms (racism, sexism, ageism, egoism, etc.), phobias, diseases, substances, etc. It is where its members are truly free to reach their fullest potential and where all the different sectors of community work together to create such an environment. As a church, a healthy church is where God is the center of life and its members try to reach their perfection.

Are you healthy? Is our church healthy? During the Lenten season, I will be preaching about health and wholeness of individuals and our church. If you have any ideas or feedback, do not hesitate to send me an email.

Your Pastor,
Millie

FEBRUARY SERMON SCRIPTURE

February 04	"A Bigger Table" 1 Corinthians 10:14-17 John 6:52-59 Communion Sunday
February 11	"On the Holy Mountain" 2 Kings 2:1-12 Mark 9:2-8 Transfiguration Sunday
February 14	"Cancer in the Body" Genesis 4:4-7 Matthew 6:1-6 Ash Wednesday Service
February 18	"Health and Wholeness" Proverbs 3:1-8 Matthew 9:18-33
February 25	"Health and Wholeness: Your Heart" Philippians 4:4-9 Matthew 6:7-15

3rd Annual
H.U.G.* EVENT
*Hearts United Gathering

FEBRUARY 15, 2018

6:00PM

The Wilder Center at
Rome 1st Methodist Church

Featuring Guest Speaker:

REV. ERIC S.C. MANNING

of Mother Emanuel AME Church, Charleston, South Carolina

“RACIAL HEALING & RECONCILIATION”



Vital Signs

Average Worship Attendance in January: 75
Financial giving in January: \$15,221
Budgeted amount needed as of January: \$17,012
Budgeted amount given as of January: \$14,516

Blessings and Gratitude

Thanks:

Hello Rev. Millie and THANK YOU!
What a wonderful experience for our neighborhood and community to spend time thinking about Bethlehem. Clearly your church spent a lot of time and energy coordinating the event—it was a great success! The theme of returning to your “home” really struck me—heaven is our home. What a great Christmas message. God Bless You ALL!

Much Love,
Mary Hardin Thornton & Family

Thanks:

We collected and sent the following special offerings:
Haiti Clean Water—\$109.50
Paraguay Missionaries—\$405

Thank you for your generous contributions on this year’s Warm Up Sunday, January 21.

We received:

24 jackets	14 pairs of socks
5 hats	1 pair of pants
8 sweatshirts	5 sweaters
13 scarves	3 pairs of gloves
2 vests	3 blankets/afghans

These have been taken to Meals & More to be distributed to those in need of warmth on the cold winter days and nights ahead. We pray these will be a sign of Christ’s love to warm their recipients’ hearts with hope.

February Birthdays

2/02 Donna Bledsoe &
Lily Embree
2/05 Eloise Johnson
2/08 Railey Davis
2/09 Phil Baker
2/12 Reese Gibson &
Charles Griffin
2/25 Ralph Davis &
Greg Gaston
2/26 Vikki Barfield

February Anniversary

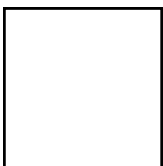
2/14 Kevin Soh & Millie Kim
2/24 Bob & Shirley Dodson

February Administrative Notes

February 26 - District Clergy Meeting

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

If we haven't included your anniversary or birthday, please contact JoAnn Baker in the church office (706.234.6406). We want to celebrate with you!

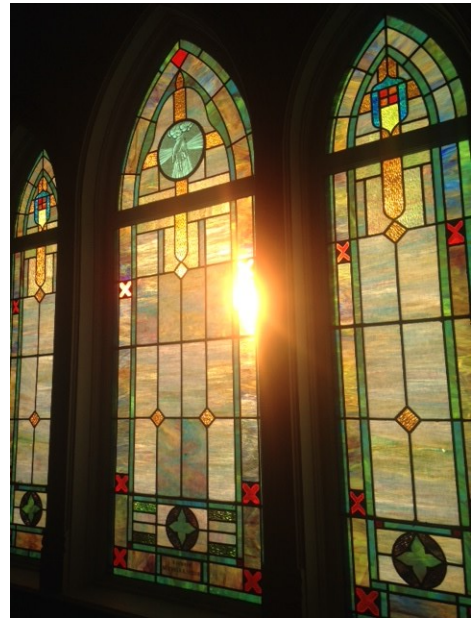


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**Birthday Lunch
with the Helping
Hands Ladies**



SECOND HELPINGS

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall
mount up with WINGS like eagles... Isaiah 40:31

Worship...

Ash Wednesday:

February 14 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Worship and imposition of ashes in the Sanctuary after supper. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us to begin the season of Lent with prayer and renewal. Special music will be provided by Dr. Yuman Lee, Assistant Professor of Music at Shorter University.

2018 Flowers for Worship:

Please stop by the bulletin board outside the church office to sign up for Sunday(s) in the coming year to provide flowers for the chancel area of the Sanctuary. Each week's flowers are \$41.50, and you may give them in recognition of a significant event in your life or in honor or memory of a loved one. To get more information or sign up for a week if you are unable to come to the church, please contact JoAnn at

Invite...

Choir:

Now is a great time to join the choir. Rehearsals will begin soon for the Easter cantata. For more information, please contact Susan Pierce at suspie@comcast.net or 706.506.4880.

Nurture...

Keenagers:

Thursday, February 22 ~ noon

Watch upcoming bulletins for details of the February meeting.

Valentines for Shut-Ins:

We deliver a sign of our love and care for those of our congregation who are shut-in and unable to be a regular part of our fellowship. You can help by contributing bud vases and volunteering to help deliver these gifts. Contact Beth Gibbons: 706.346.2701 | bgibbons1961@gmail.com.

Children's Roller Skating Outing:

Saturday, February 3 ~ 1:00-3:00 p.m.

All the children are invited to the Skater Zone skating rink (2606 Calhoun Road) for a day of fun. \$5 per child which includes skate rental.

Grow...

United Methodist Women Retreat:

Saturday, February 3

Farmville United Methodist Church's UMW Retreat will be held on Saturday, February 3, from 10am to 2pm at Farmville UMC (6906 Fairmount Highway, Calhoun, GA 30701). The speaker will be Zoe M. Hicks of Atlanta. Leader of Women's Retreats, Zoe's goal is to help people achieve their dreams & live abundantly. She is author of three inspirational books. In 2006 Zoe & husband Charles established a foundation, Encouragement Unlimited, Inc. to empower, equip and encourage marginalized women to overcome & succeed. The ladies of Second Avenue are invited and encouraged to attend. Lunch will be served and a love offering will be received.

Serve...

Souper Bowl of Caring:

Sunday, February 4

On Super Bowl Sunday each year, our youth hold buckets at the doors as we exit worship, joining young people in churches across the country raising money to support local charities through SouperBowl of Caring. 100% of our contributions help feed the hungry through Meals & More. For more info, contact the church office.

Meals & More:

Tuesday, February 6 ~ 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to help pack and distribute meals for Meals & More at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Please come and volunteer your time to help feed the hungry. We appreciate donations of small toiletry items in the box in the Fellowship Hall.

Arbor Day Event:

Everyone is invited to the local Arbor Day program on Friday, February 16, at the Compassionate Friends brick wall. Parking will be in the large parking lot behind the Rome Braves Stadium in the bend of the Oostanaula River. Rev. Millie will be leading the prayer and invites everyone to join her there.

SECOND HELPINGS

Acolytes:

2/04 Chloe Duck
2/11 Macy Davis
2/18 Railey Davis
2/25 Isaac Tucker

Liturgists:

2/04 Greg Gaston
2/11 Amy Astin
2/18 Doug Meredith
2/25 Thomas Kislak

Ushers:

Steve Davis (head usher)
Bob Baker, Dan Emerick,
Ronnie Farmer, Beth
Gibbons, Lee Roberts

Nursery:

2/04 Beth Gibbons
2/11 Mary Beth Broxterman
2/18 Betty Crymes
2/25 Nancy Clift

Congregational Care & Concern:

2/04 Vicki Thomason
2/11 Darlene Wallace
2/18 Nancy Clift
2/25 Shirley Dodson

Counters:

2/04 Mike Colombo & Cindy Smith
2/11 Mary Beth B. & Greg Gaston
2/18 Barbara Cothran & Dan Emerick
2/25 Dottie Taylor & Amy Astin

Flowers:

2/04 Davis
2/11 Baker
2/18 Woodward
2/25

Wednesday Night Family Fellowship

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dinner Served 6:00 p.m.; Program 6:30• Reservation Required on Pew Pad or Call Office• \$8 per person/\$15 family maximum | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1 per person for dessert only• Pizza for children available weekly• First-time visitors & children 10 and under eat free |
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Programs

- 2/07** Erma Wells, Rome-Floyd ECO center:
Experience the Ecology of NW Georgia
- 2/14** Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m.
- 2/21** Program to be announced in weekly bulletin
- 2/28** Program to be announced in weekly bulletin

Menus

- 2/07** Baked Ham, Corn, Vegetable Casserole, Rolls
Dessert
- 2/14** Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato, Tossed Salad,
Rolls, Dessert
- 2/21** Menu to be announced in weekly bulletin
- 2/28** Menu to be announced in weekly bulletin
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Women's Fellowship

The **United Methodist Women** will meet on Tuesday, February 20, at 6:00 p.m. We invite ALL ladies of the church to join us for an evening of dinner, fellowship, and a program. We are looking forward to a year of opportunities for growing spiritually and supporting missions locally, nationally, and globally. Mark your calendars—we really hope you will come join us.

For more information, please contact Inez Fears at 404-550-3227 or i_l_fears@yahoo.com.

Need A Prayer?

Please let us know your prayer concerns. You may submit prayer requests:
- In writing: fill out a prayer request form in the sanctuary pew racks
- By phone: call the prayer line at 706.234.6406 (press 3 when prompted)
- By email: millie@2aveumc.org

If you have a confidential request, please contact Rev. Millie (404.759.4778).

"Pray, and let God worry." Martin Luther

Pastoral Care Need?

Please contact the church ASAP when you are in need of Pastoral Care!
To contact the Pastor:
- During office hours, please call 706.234.6406
- After hours, please call 404.759.4778

Prayer List

Congregation

Helen Broom
Herb Brown
Danny Carver
Giles Chapman
Embree Family
Phil & Jane Franssen
Vesper Frazier
Joyce Gann
Margaret Gibson
Norma Gresham
Charles Griffin
Lib Rogers
Cindy Smith
Lee & Rhonda Upshaw

Homebound

Ercel Blair
Carolyn Garwood
Eloise Johnson
Vivian VanLandingham
Carol Vogt

Friends & Family

Oneida Adams
Sarah Bailie
Judy Barcik
Jo Bentley
Terri Blake
Matt Bowen
Brant Family
Linda Brown
MaeDell Clark
Jennifer Cooneen
Barbara & Terry Cothran
Laura Flandreau
Chris Franssen
Taylor Freeman
Daria Giebler
David Heller
Bob Henderson
Phil Herron
Buck Huckaby
Lee Johnson
Garrett Jones
Milton Kahn
Reba Lockaby

Melody Loftin
Dean Mallow
Cade Maynor
Military Personnel
Kaisley Miller
Buford Moon
John Morris & Family
Rev. Dr. Harvey Palmer
Connie Ray
Melinda Redfox
Ed & Peggy Reynolds
Trish Sherman
Stough Family
Jim Williams
Kennedy Williams
Edmund & Sandy Yeargan

Persons of the Week

February 04: Betty Crymes

42 Chateau Drive SE, Apt. 315
Rome, GA 30161-6665

February 18: Inez Fears

13 Parkway Drive
Rome, GA 30161-5939

February 11: Terry & Barbara Cothran

P.O. Box 73
Silver Creek, GA 30173-0073

February 25: Eloise Johnson

180 Woodrow Wilson Way, A102
Rome, GA 30165-2510

Please remember these friends with cards, calls, visits, and prayers.

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:00pm Trustees Meeting 6:00pm "Your Money or Your Life" Bible Study	2 Donna Bledsoe Emily Embree	3 10:00am Farmville UMC UMW Retreat 1:00pm Children's Roller Skating Outing
4 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm SouperBowl of Caring Offering 2:00pm Fresh Expressions Training Event @ Bremen 1st UMC	5 Eloise Johnson	6 9:30am Helping Hands 10:00am Joyful Noise 3:30pm Meals & More at First Christian Church	7 6:00pm Wednesday Night Family Fellowship	8 Railey Davis 5:00pm Line Dancing 6:00pm "Your Money or Your Life" Bible Study	9 Phil Baker	10
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25 Greg Gaston Ralph Davis 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	26 Vikki Barfield 7:00pm District Clergy Meeting @ Second Avenue	27 9:30am Helping Hands 10:00am Joyful Noise	28 6:00pm Wednesday Night Family Fellowship			